

Williamson House  
Near Larison's Corner  
Hunterdon County, New Jersey

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Owner: Dr. Alexander Timm

Date of Erection: East portion 1735-1740; west  
portion 1745

Architect:

Builder: John Williamson

Present Condition: Very good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame  
construction

Interior walls - plaster  
with exposed beams

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with dormers

Historical Data:

In 1702 the three thousand acre tract of Benjamin Field passed to Nathan Allen of Allentown. He began to dispose of land to settlers about 1720 and among the list of people purchasing was John Williamson. He purchased one hundred and eighty acres. Williamson came from Holland about 1731 and settled about a mile northeast of Ringoes. Here in the center of his tract John Williamson built his log cabin and shortly after the kitchen end of the present structure. There is no datestone for this portion, but in the rear of the

fireplace of the southwest room of the later unit is a plate dated 1745. On April 27, 1850 the three hundred and twenty-three acres of the Williamson Farm was divided and one-half of the farm with the mill portion went to Abraham who built a large house on Old York Road. Up until that time the Williamsons had occupied this house. The last Williamson owner was Mrs. William Stinson who died several years ago. After her death the property was sold out of the family.

The end porch and the stone terrace on the south side are not original. Some of the window frames and sash are original as is the front door. The roof has an overhang and the dormer windows have been rebuilt. In the interior the fireplaces are original and also the box stairway from the living room. The old Dutch oven can be seen at the back of the kitchen fireplace. The interior floors and trim as well as most of the first floor doors are new.

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